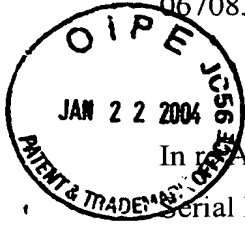


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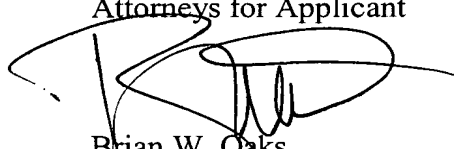
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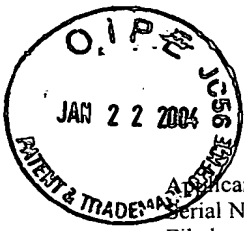
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I hereby declare that I am an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

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I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.12, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either one concern controls, directly or indirectly, or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled entitled MULTI-PURPOSE WELL BORES AND METHOD FOR ACCESSING A SUBTERRANEAN ZONE FROM THE SURFACE, by inventor, Steven R. Pauley, described in the specification filed November 17, 2003, application serial no. 10/715,300.

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